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SUBJECT: ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY USSR AS RESULT OF  
CHINESE ASSESSMENT

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1. PERMDEL RECEIVED WRITTEN REPLY DATED MAY 14 FROM UK  
DEPUTY PERMREP (WALTER BIRRELL) GIVING OFFICIAL UK POSI-  
TION ON ARREARAGES QUESTION. LETTER SAYS UK UNWILLING TO  
SUPPORT US DRAFT RESOLUTION RE-OPENING SOVIET ARREARAGES  
ISSUE AT GENERAL CONFERENCE THIS FALL. LETTER BEING AIR  
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. IN SUM, UK REACTION BASED ON VIEW THAT "UNPALATABLE  
THOUGH IT IS THAT THE SOVIET STATES SHOULD HAVE STOLEN  
A MARCH ON US AT THE 17TH GENERAL CONFERENCE, THE (US)  
DR IS UNREALISTIC AND POTENTIALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE"  
AND EXPRESSES HOPE THAT US WILL DECIDE NOT TO TABLE DR.

3. UK REASONING ACKNOWLEDGES DR HAS APPARENT "VIRTUE  
OF RESTORING EQUITY" BUT THAT IT LIKELY ENTAILS REVIVAL  
OF CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIETS. FURTHER, BIRRELL COMMENTS  
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THAT EVEN ASSUMING SURPLUSES WILL REGULARLY RECUR OVER

10-20 YR PERIOD UK IS "UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MATTER CONTINUING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME" AND BELIEVES SOVIETS WOULD TAKE EFFECTIVE "COUNTER-MEASURES". MOREOVER LETTER EXPRESSES VIEW THAT DUE MEMBERS CHANGING CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENT RATES, REIMBURSEMENT ON BASIS 1961-71 ASSESSMENTS PAID FROM 1975-85 OR LATER ASSESSMENT RATES WOULD ITSELF BE A KIND OF "INEQUITY".

4. PERMDEL HAS ASKED OTHER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS FOR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER INITIAL INDICATIONS, FROM BELGIANS AND FRENCH, ARE THAT OTHERS IN GG INCLINED TOWARDS UK VIEW THAT US DR WOULD RESULT IN DIVISIVE AND ULTIMATELY FRUITLESS CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIETS.  
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